Town of Vernon Conservation Commission Meeting Monday, June 20, 2016 7:00pm Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jim Simon and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of March 21, 2016 meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of 3/21/16 Conservation Commission was made by Chairman Ryan Goad. Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- Habitat Newsletter Spring 2016
- The commission received an email from a Vernon resident asking how to take care of Gypsy Moths.

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

D. Organizational considerations

The Commission had a discussion on holding Conservation meetings during the summer months. The Commission Chairman will decide month to month based on who is able to attend.

3. Open Space Program Update

Chairman Ryan Goad forwarded an email from Ann Letendre with updates on the purchasing of the Strong Farm Parcels. There is a hold up due to an encumbrance with the State owning a piece of the Meetinghouse Hill property so the State needs to deed it back to the Town which could take up to a year.

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

None

B. Natural Resources Update

Trails Day Hike - Chairman Ryan Goad led a hike from Valley Falls to the Tulip Tree Trail. A total of 21 people participated.

Bolton Lakes Issues

The Bolton Lakes Conservation Alliance held their meeting on June 2.

North Caroline State University / CAMCORE will be doing a review of a stand of Atlantic white cedar trees located within Upper Bolton Lake.

An email was sent to Town Planner Marina Rodriguez of Commentary on the draft E. Coli Total Maximum Daily Load for the Hop River watershed.

Future Activities

5. Other Goals

Getting more commission members

6. Adjournment

Jim Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanz

Recording Secretary

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